

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Thursday, August 6, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak, Commissioner Montgomery and Commissioner Huebsch.

**Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, July 30, 2015.

**3270-CG-122 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and Provide Natural Gas Service in the Town of Franklin, Vernon County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**1125-RW-162 - Tolls to be Charged by the Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company for the Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2015**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**4310-CW-108 - Application of Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, to Construct Pumping and Water Storage Improvements and New Disinfection Facilities at the Water Treatment Plant**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**3270-FR-104 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Implement a Fuel Credit for its 2015 and 2016 Fuel Cost Plans**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**1370-TE-101 - Application of Cornell Municipal Water and Electric Utility, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**1370-TW-100 - Application of Cornell Municipal Water and Electric Utility, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**5-MA-153 - Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Between Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, and Contact Wireless, LLC**

The Commission approved the Order Dismissing Petition and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**4139-TE-102 - Application of New Richmond Municipal Electric Utility, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes to Implement a Community Solar Garden Pilot Program**

**5110-TE-102 - Application of River Falls Municipal Utility, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes to Implement a Community Solar Garden Pilot Program**

The Commission modified and preliminarily approved the request for a Community Solar Garden Pilot Program filed on behalf of the New Richmond Municipal Electric Utility (NRMEU), subject to the conditions set forth below.

The Commission also modified and preliminarily approved the request for a Community Solar Garden Pilot Program filed on behalf of the River Falls Municipal Utility (RFMU), subject to the conditions set forth below.

The Commission determined the following conditions would apply to each of the Community Solar Garden Programs:

1. Avoided costs would not be levelized, but instead be based on the actual costs of energy, capacity and transmission expenses.
2. Customers would have the choice between owning the renewable energy credits (RECs) that are produced as a result of the solar production, or being compensated for the value of the RECs.
3. The credits provided by the tariffs would be reviewed when the municipality files an application to adjust all of its rates, or every five years, whichever is shorter.
4. NRMEU and RFMU must demonstrate that it has access to the information from WPPI to assist in determining the proper credit when it is reviewed and that information can be submitted confidentially in each utility's rate case.

The Commission directed both NRMEU and RFMU to refile their respective tariffs, noting that each should file two tariffs: one with the avoided cost calculated using energy, capacity and transmission; and a second with avoided cost calculated using energy, capacity and transmission and the value of the renewable attributes. The Commission then delegated final review and approval of the refiled tariffs to the Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division. The Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division, at his discretion, may refer one or both of these dockets back to the Commission for final review and approval of any refiled tariff.

The Commission further directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order in each of these dockets consistent with its discussion.

#### **4220-GF-123 - Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin Voluntary Utility Programs**

The Commission modified and approved the request filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) to implement its 2016 voluntary energy efficiency programs, the Residential Community Conservation Program and the Commercial Community Conservation Program, subject to the following determinations:

1. NSPW shall be required to submit an updated program plan for its Residential Community Conservation Program that specifies how the program will be coordinated with the Focus on Energy redesigned residential programs. The updated plan shall be filed with the Commission by December 1, 2015.
2. If the results of NSPW's cost-effectiveness screening indicate that one or both of NSPW's voluntary programs is not cost-effective, NSPW shall submit a revised design of its program for approval by Commission staff before the 2016 program is implemented.
3. NSPW shall be required to submit an evaluation plan for its 2016 programs for Commission staff approval.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

#### **6630-GF-136 - Wisconsin Electric Power Company Voluntary Utility Programs**

The Commission modified and approved the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, together We Energies, to implement its 2016-2017 Residential Assistance Program, subject to the following determinations:

1. We Energies shall be required to provide Commission staff with updates on program outcomes at the end of each calendar year, and written updates during the program year if events warrant. Further We Energies shall also provide an additional billing analysis on program participants in order to verify costs savings.
2. We Energies shall be required to file an updated program plan by December 1, 2015, identifying any coordination activities and/or program design changes that will be pursued to maintain coordination with the Focus on Energy redesigned residential low-income programs.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**6680-CE-176 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Build an Approximately 650 Megawatt Natural Gas-Fueled Power Plant at its Riverside Energy Center Facility in the Town of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) to participate in docket 6680-CE-176, granting permissive intervention in this matter, subject to the following conditions:

1. WEPCO shall file the terms and conditions of its proposed purchase power agreement and any other evidence that may be available by September 10, 2015.
2. All additional supporting documentation not filed by the September 10 deadline, shall be filed by WEPCO no later than September 22, 2015, as part of WEPCO's direct testimony in this proceeding.
3. WEPCO is strongly encouraged to work with Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), Commission staff, and all other parties to this proceeding to ensure, to the extent practicable, that all evidence that WEPCO submits is presented in a manner that provides for meaningful analysis and comparison. To the extent WEPCO relies on modeling that uses a different PROMOD build or design, or uses different assumptions, WEPCO shall document and submit with any modeling it enters into the record an identification of all significant assumptions that differ from those used by WP&L in support of its application.

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The Commission granted an extension of an additional 15 days for the filing of applications for intervenor compensation in this matter.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft orders consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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Secretary to the Commission

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